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1. AL FATIH IS PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION, TO BE HELD AT MERIDIEN MARCH 8. HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE AS REQUESTED. PLEASE CONFIRM ASAP ETA OF ZERIHUM AND BAIR. DO THEY WISH PERHAPS TO STAY IN HOTEL LESS EXPENSIVE THAN MERIDIEN UNTIL ARRIVAL OF FRENCH PARTY? (CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY OF MERIDIEN BEFORE MARCH 4.)

2. ACCORDING TO AL-FATIPGN "ROUTINE FORMALITIES" STILL HINDER ESTABLISHMENT OF LETTER OF CREDIT. HOWEVER, WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT DELAY RELATES TO "LIQUIDITY" DIFFICULTIES OF HIS COMPANY AND NOT TO SUDAN INDUSTRIAL BANK PROCEDURES. NOTWITHSTANDING POSSIBILITY AL-FATIH WILL NOT OVERCOME THE IDIFFICULTY BY MARCH 7, BELIEVE FOMM PARTY WOULD PROFIT FROM VISIT TO SUDAN. THERE ARE AT LEAST SIX PROJECTS FOR SUDAN GEZIRA BOARD ALONE WHICH AUGHT TO BE INVESTIGATED.

3. RAHMATALLA ABDALLA, WHO HAS MET WITH ZERIHUN AND WHO, IN OUR VIEW, COULD PROVE TO BE MORE HELPFUL AS FOMM AGENT IN SUDAN THAN AL-FATIH, HAS INDICATED
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TO EMBASSY HIS WILLINGNESS ASSIST IN ARRANGING

MEETINGS WITH PROSPECTIVE BUYERS, INCLUDING GEZIRA.
HE WOULD NEED SOMETHING IN WRITING FROM F BJD
AUTHORIZED HIM TO PERFORM SUCH FUNCTION, HOWEVER.
PLEASE ADVISE FOMM'S WISHES.
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